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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 19, 1891, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. M.G.B. 1336 Nineteenth Street, April 19th, 1891. My darling Alec:

Your telegram announcing your safe arrival in Beinn Bhreagh, and that you were going up the mountain was waiting for me on our return home from a lovely long drive through country lanes. I am so glad to know you safe, and shall wait anxiously to hear what you think of your sheep and what your plans are regarding them. It must surely be gratifying to you to know such a large proportion of the lambs are twins or extra nippled. What will you do about the ploughing the fields and pasturing the sheep elsewhere?

I have little doubt that Grace will summer in Baddeck, will you please order the Crescent Grove house put in good repair for her. I think it would pay to have the outside painted, and the verandah roof made waterproof. It never was, and I always wished it were, as all the chairs on the verandah spoilt.

I have been working hard over my seeds, but it was not possible to accomplish much with Gardiner around, I was very unwillingly obliged to surrender him yesterday.

It is very warm here and I am glad you are out of the heat. I hope you will get sufficient exercise to take off some of your fat, but I must confess I am much troubled for fear your knee will prevent your walking as much as you should. Mamma and Papa think me very reckless in letting you go without having something done for your knee.

Miss Kiman reports satisfactory progress with Elsie except 2 that she feels the heat. The rest of us are well. Miss True expects to leave the last of the week. The Assoc. papers are not yet out, but we think they will be out tomorrow. Mr. McCurdy is anxious that you

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should understand that he would not allow them to be printed until I approved of them. They should have been issued before, but I disliked the type so much I could not bear to have anything you were associated with go out in that way, and I thought you would rather I were satisfied.

Yours ever lovingly,